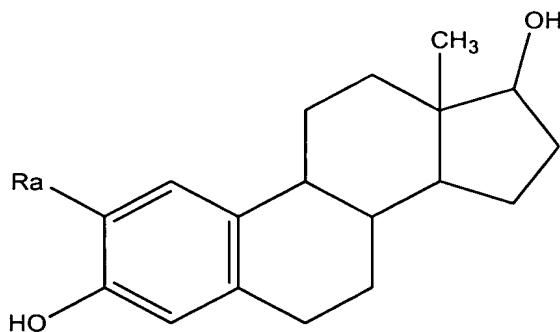


What is claimed is:

1. A method of inhibiting neovascularization in a mammal, comprising administering to the mammal a neovascularization-inhibiting amount of a compound of the formula:

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wherein, Ra is -OR1 or -OCOR1, wherein R1 is -H, or a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, alkenyl or alkynyl group of up to 6 carbons.

10 2. The method of Claim 1, wherein Ra is -OR1.

3. The method of Claim 1, wherein Ra is -OCOR1.

4. The method of Claim 1, wherein the neovascularization is ocular neovascularization.

15 5. The method of Claim 2, wherein the neovascularization is ocular neovascularization.

6. The method of Claim 3, wherein the neovascularization is ocular neovascularization.

7. The method of Claim 1, wherein the neovascularization is ocular neovascularization and the compound is 2-methoxyestradiol.

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